

Status report of topics assigned by Max Hugel to the Office of Data Processing for study or action.

#### Scientific Programmers

A memorandum dated 6 March 1981, ODP-81-296, transmitted a staff paper on the history of scientific programming support and gave the reasons why ODP's capabilities to support scientific applications development had diminished. Briefly, in a time of constrained resources and unconstrained demand, something had to give, and reluctantly we opted to reduce our investment in staff personnel to provide this kind of service. We have, however, increased our investment in contractor support to OSWR, our principal customer for these services, and are actively working on increasing the number of resident specialists from ODP on rotation in OSWR. These were seen as the proper actions on our part to answer the NFAC requirement.

#### GSA Guidelines on Word Processing Equipment

A memo stating ODP's position was prepared on 3 March 1981, ODP-81-269. Subsequently a Request for Waiver was sent to GSA Administrator Carmen on 22 May 1981, DD/A 81-0458/1, signed by Harry Fitzwater. If granted, the waiver will permit us to justify the acquisition of word processing equipment as ADP equipment, to be used as a part of our computer network.

#### Word Processing Inventory

Inventory by WPE types and Directorates submitted  
13 March 1981.

#### New Automated Payroll

A joint OF/ODP task force was established to develop requirements and system specifications. Target completion date for this first phase is October 1981. (See ODP-81-289, dtd. 5 March 1981.) Development of the payroll system will take several years and positions to support the effort are included in an enhanced-level decision package in the FY 1983 Program.

Merger of Ruffing and Special Centers

A list of DO services with an evaluation of consolidation results was forwarded on 18 March 1981 with a recommendation against any merger.

Centralized Software Applications

The Information Handling Systems Architect and ODP conducted an Agency-wide survey of resources devoted to software development and reported to DDA on 7 May 1981, ODP-81-473. Continuation of a combination of centralized and decentralized software development was recommended.

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